

effective hot surface (21) is specified for a nominal post-heat-treatment time.--

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The original claims 1-22 are cancelled herewith, in favor of a new set of claims 23-40.

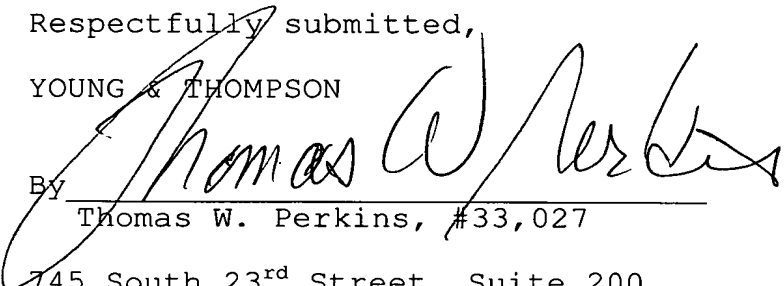
Note that Wolfgang FIWEK, initially designated as a co-inventor on the information sheet filed with this application, is not a co-inventor with respect to any of the newly presented claims 23-40. Accordingly, his name is dropped from the executed declarations filed on even date herewith.

A favorable action on the merits of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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